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SUBJECT: IRAQI REACTION TO DEPARTMENT'S LETTER ON INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM

1. IRAQ NEWS AGENCY HAS CARRIED ITEM ON STATEMENT OF
FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO
SENATOR JAVITS ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. INA QUOTES
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AS SAYING, "IRAQ, IN BACKING
THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WHO HAVE BEEN
THROWN INTO HOMELESSNESS BY THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT WITH U.S.
SUPPORT, REJECTS HAVING THIS CONSIDERED AS A KIND OF
TERRORISM AND REGRETS THE WAY IN WHICH THIS MATTER WAS
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RAISED." USINT OFFICER CALLED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER
IN CHARGE OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (HASSAN ANBARI) WHO
CONFIRMED GENERAL THRUST OF INA STORY BUT SAID HE WOULD
HAVE TO CHECK THE MINISTRY'S TEXT FOR EXACT WORDING AND
CONTEXT. INA QUOTATION, WHICH IS FRONTPAGE NEWS IN ALL
BAGHDAD DAILIES OF MAY 11, IS SUBJECT TO SLIGHTLY
VARYING ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS, BUT USINT DOUBTS THAT INA

WOULD TAKE LIBERTIES WITH A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT
ON MATTERS OF THIS GRAVITY.

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY AL-JUMHURIYA GAVE PREVIEW OF
IRAQI REACTION WITH UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN ITS MAY 10
EDITION. EDITORIAL ALLEGES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS
TURNED TO A CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM FOLLOWING THE
FAILURE OF HIS HUMAN RIGHTS' CAMPAIGN. EDITORIAL
LABELED DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO JAVITS AS A "TERRORISTIC
STATEMENT" AND DISCRIBED IT AS A "VILE AND MEASLY
PIECE OF THEATRICALS" CAST IN A TONE WHICH IS "INSOLENT
AND BOASTFUL." WHAT DEPARTMENT CALLS TERRORISM IS,
ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL, SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER.
IT IS THE EFFORT BY PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE TO RECOVER
ITS RIGHTS TO A HOMELAND AND TO RESIST CAPITULATIONIST
SETTLEMENTS. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, IT IS THE RESISTANCE
OF AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RACIST AND COLONIALIST
REGIMES. THE USG ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTS THE REAL TERRORISTS,
THE ZIONIST AND RACIST REGIMES. EDITORIAL ALSO DECRIES
LAUNCHING BY USG OF TERRORIST WAR AGAINST THE ARAB
BOYCOTT BY MEANS OF PENDING LEGISLATION AND SLAMS
PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS PRACTICE OF THE "UGLIEST
TYPES OF TERRORISM" BY HAVING A FINGER ON THE NUCLEAR
TRIGGER.

3. USINT HAS ONLY SEEN NEWS SERVICE REPORTS OF
DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO JAVITS. WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING TEXT BY CABLE.
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